



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIRE LOCAL BOARD OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015  
Police and Fire Department Headquarters - Operations Room  
8401 E. Indian School Road**

**PRESENT:** Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head  
Todd Cavnar, Elected Member (telephonic)  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member  
Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member

**STAFF:** Sue Sola  
Chanda Washington

**GUESTS:** Hannah Auckland  
Jeff Burg

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Member Meraz called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBER MERAZ AS ACTING CHAIR. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as noted above.

**Possible Executive Session**

1. **Authorization of appointment of Sue Sola as Fire Local Board Secretary**

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SUE SOLA AS THE FIRE LOCAL BOARD SECRETARY. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

**2. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes - May 21, 2015**

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2015 FIRE LOCAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

**3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Fire Fighters, if any, into PSPRS**

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:08 A.M. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIRE FIGHTERS INTO PSPRS WITH THE JULY 13, 2015 AS THE EFFECTIVE DATE: KYLE BAGGS, MARCEL BENOIT, JESSICA CHANDLER, MICHAEL GUIDONE, GARRETT HOWELL, WESLEY PRESLAR, KELLY RANFT, ETHAN RITTERBUSCH, JEREMY SCHWARTZBERG, DAVID WATTS, AND PATRIC WIATROLIK. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTER STEVEN FALKNER WITH THE NOTED PREEXISTING CONDITION IN HIS MEDICAL CHART, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT NEXT YEAR DURING HIS PHYSICAL IT BE REEVALUATED AND IF THE CONDITION IS NOTED TO NOT BE A PREEXISTING CONDITION THAT THE BOARD WILL MOVE TO REMOVE IT AS A PREEXISTING CONDITION FROM HIS RECORD. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

Board Member Springborn noted that the medical records show all of the inductees as having an abnormal glucose because the lab recently had a problem with their equipment and approximately half of the labs for the department were inaccurate. Abnormal glucose should not be recorded as a preexisting condition or any concern at this time. Everyone will be retested during their next annual physical.

**4. Discussion and Vote on the Application for Guardian Benefit and Eligible Child Benefit Completed by Haley T. Loggins, Daughter of deceased PSPRS Member Eddie M. Loggins.**

Ms. Washington announced that due to recent legislative changes regarding eligible children, children between the ages of 18 and 23 who are enrolled in school full-time may apply for the guardian benefit as well as the eligible child benefit. She noted that Haley Loggins is currently enrolled in school full-time and qualifies to apply for both of these benefits.

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN AND ELIGIBLE CHILD BENEFITS COMPLETED BY HALEY T. LOGGINS. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).**

**5. PSPRS Update regarding Desert Troon Companies, Inc. & U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission**

Ms. Auckland announced that the investigation of Desert Troon Companies Inc. and the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission has been completed. The findings showed no wrongdoings on the part of Desert Troon Properties. PSPRS employees suspected of wrongdoing have been exonerated.

**6. Discussion of recent PSPRS administrative changes as they apply to calculating past credited service.**

Ms. Auckland noted that Board Member Springborn requested information on the changes PSPRS has made in calculating past credited service.

It was assumed to be an administrative change that PSPRS had made, but in follow-up with the PSPRS administrator it was explained that it was a legislative change that was not timely implemented. Ms. Auckland provided a copy of her email exchange with the PSPRS administrator and attachments he sent regarding the legislative change and potential changes that could be made in the next legislative session. A number of people were not in favor of the change because it makes some credit purchases more expensive. Changes affect out of state, Rural Metro employees, and pre-joinder service purchases performed on or after August 2, 2012. The Fire Board is concerned because of the number of Rural Metro employees that are on the Board. Ms. Auckland will wait to do a white paper until it is known whether or not there will be any further changes. The Fire Board requested that Ms. Auckland review the joinder agreement for Fire.

Ms. Auckland noted that she sent a follow-up email to the PSPRS administrator inquiring how some of the changes would be affected by cases being reviewed by ASRS. His response was that the change is where they limited it to a five-year maximum past time purchase, but does not apply to people who were in the system prior to the change. The Hall v. Elected Officials case might have some bearing on how credited service is calculated for PSPRS. Ms. Auckland will follow the case, which is now in the Supreme Court.

Board Member Springborn clarified that he was not suggesting that the City should buy back any time. It was just an informational request.

**7. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers, if any**

There have been no recently completed service transfers.

**8. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items**

Ms. Washington announced that Jeff Burg will likely have been appointed as Board Chair by next month.

There are potentially three disability retirements and one induction coming forward in the near future.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:46:05 a.m.

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